

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

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COMMENTS FOR: HJR 46

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Dennis Borel

Coalition of Texans with Disabilities

Austin, TX

FOR. The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities heard numerous anecdotal stories from family members about lack of access to loved ones in facilities. We would support adding private ICFs (Intermediate Care Facilities).

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Fred Aus

Self / consultant

Austin, TX

I am in favor of HJR 46 and want to thank Chairman Frank for authoring it and for championing this cause throughout the pandemic. The isolation created by necessary public health measures has exacerbated physical and mental health issues for residents of long-term care facilities. Ensuring the rights of residents to have essential caregivers is important in providing quality care to LTC residents. I urge all committee members to support passage of HJR 46.

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As the BSN,RN, Manager/Director of an assisted living, I have serious concerns with not being able to stop EC visitation for any reason and not being able to object to the designated person. I am in my community daily and I think we know better who may not need to be an EC for someone for a multitude of reasons. After the year we have just come through, I think we have all had many situations where we have had to temporarily halt visitations. Prime examples being any kind of outbreak like influenza, COVID-19 just to name a couple of instances that can devastate residents and staff in long term care. We have also have found that people will not be truthful in their reporting on questionnaires which has and can present a huge risk to others. We have to have the tools, the rights, to halt visitations that are apt to be more harmful than good to a resident and thus present risks to the whole community. To strip long term care facilities of their ability to act and mitigate risks is asking for disaster. This is not in the best interest of the community as a whole. Sincerely, Sherrie Bradley BSN/RN, Manager/Director CHALF

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